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WONDER, AWE, CURIOSITY: HEARTS AND MINDS INSPIRED FOR LEARNING

Message from Mr Davey

Unbelievably there are only 3 weeks and 2 days left until the Summer holidays.

Next week we are going on our exciting whole school trip to Colchester Zoo.

Please be reminded of the following key information.

- There is no Nursery on Wednesday 3rd July.
- Children need to arrive at school from 8:15am and registers will be taken at 8:30am
- Children should have their own packed lunch (or have already arranged for the school kitchen to prepare one for them) Please do not include any products containing nuts or seeds.
- Children must all wear school uniform (no PE kits)
- We aim to leave the zoo at 2:45pm and the plan is to return to school by 4:00pm, we will keep you updated with an ETA if you ensure that the notifications are switched on for Arbor.
- No extra cash money is needed
- Breakfast and After School Club are open as normal.

It's going to be such an amazing experience for us all to be out as a school community.

Team points

These points were collected this week, you can find the rolling totals on our school website.



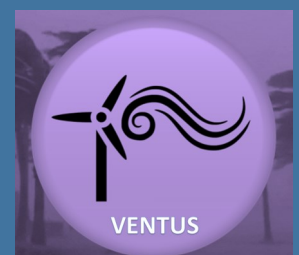
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Children who achieved gold last week:

- Cali (Y1)
- Grayson (Y1)
- Oscar (Y2)
- Annabelle (Y2)
- Sam (Y3)
- Finn (Y3)
- Thea (Y4)

Children who achieved gold this week:

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| Marla (Rec) | Alba (Y4) |
| Hudson (Y1) | Evie (Y4) |
| Martha (Y1) | Millie (Y4) |
| Abdur (Y2) | Marlie (Y5) |
| Harrison (Y2) | Joseph (Y5) |
| Iris (Y3) | Leah (Y6) |
| Oliver (Y3) | Harry M (Y6) |
| Penny (Y3) | |

Attendance this week

Our target is 95% + above

Reception	90.48%
Year 1	79.11%
Year 2	96.15%
Year 3	88.44%

Year 4	94.23%
Year 5	98.86%
Year 6	89.24%
Whole School	91.42%

Upcoming events at Henham and Ugley Primary School

Monday 1 st July	
Tuesday 2 nd July	
Wednesday 3 rd July	Whole School Trip Day (Children in uniform, arrive at school at 8:15am, return to school at 4pm) Nursery is closed for the day
Thursday 4 th July	
Friday 5 th July	
Monday 8 th July	SEN Coffee Morning with Mrs Aves
Tuesday 9 th July	Year 5/6 Leavers Performance to parents 9:30pm 4:30pm
Wednesday 10 th July	Sports Day- parents welcome to attend and may bring a picnic to share on school field
Thursday 11 th July	
Friday 12 th July	Transition morning, children with their new teachers for the morning
Monday 15 th July	*Reserve sports day in case of rain on 10 th July
Tuesday 16 th July	iRock Summer concert- 2:30pm (parents of iRock band members are invited to attend.
Wednesday 17 th July	Sports Awards Assembly (no parents) Open Evening 2:30-4:30pm
Thursday 18 th July	Two Johns e-safety training for parents 20:00-21:30
Friday 19 th July	Reports go out to parents
Monday 22 nd July	Fun sports afternoon (No parents)
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers Assembly Break up at 1:30pm No Wrap Around Care after school.

Year 4 & 5 trip to 'The Essex Food and Farming' day.

The sun shone for us on our class trip to Writtle College, where the children were absorbed in the world of farming and the environment. We all learnt about food production, farming techniques and how to be kinder to our environment and become more sustainable - all vital skills for our future generation!

The children were beautifully behaved, and the biggest compliment of the day was from Beth, a group leader who led our current year 6's on the trip last year...they were so well behaved last year that she specifically requested to be with Henham again this year. Considering there were over 2000 children attending, what a compliment!

Thank you children, us teachers had a great day with you.

Mrs Brogan and Mr Harris



District Sports

On Wednesday this week, children from across KS2 represented Henham at the medium schools district sports athletics competition at Carver Barracks. The children competed in field and track events including long jump, triple jump, howler, turbo javelin, 75m sprint, 600m and relay. The children represented our school beautifully and with great success. With our year 3/4 children finishing in 1st place and our year 5/6 children finishing in 3rd place. Placing us at second place overall! A brilliant achievement! A big thank you to Mrs Miley, Mrs Laird and Helen Hawker for all their hard work running the after school athletics club in preparation for this event. Well done to all involved!



Reception Stay and Plays

We have enjoyed welcoming our new reception cohort for September for their second stay and play session this week. We can already tell they are going to settle really well when they start in September. They have started to really familiarise themselves with our indoor and outdoor classrooms and have particularly enjoyed our giant sandpit!

Next week we look forward to their lunch visit on Tuesday and parents information evening 5-6pm on Monday.



HENHAM AND UGLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY
(15TH JULY RESERVE DATE)**

APPROXIMATE TIMINGS

8:30AM

GATES OPEN, PARENTS DROP CHILDREN TO CLASSES AND SET UP AROUND THE PERIMETER OF FIELD.

9:20AM

**SCHOOL GATE CLOSED AND LOCKED
CHILDREN WILL COME OUT TO FIELD FROM THEIR CLASSROOMS**

9:30AM

**ROUND ROBIN OF 10X FUN SPORTS ACTIVITIES
(RECEPTION - YEAR 6)**

11:10AM

**EYFS AND KS1 ONLY COMPETITIVE SPORTS
(KS2 CHILDREN WILL BE WATCHING AND CHEERING)**

12:00-1

**PICNIC LUNCH ON THE FIELD.
(ANY CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS CAN'T ATTEND WILL HAVE LUNCH WITH THEIR TEACHER)
THE SCHOOL GATE WILL NOT BE OPENED AT ALL DURING THIS TIME FOR SAFEGUARDING REASONS.**

1:00

**ALL CHILDREN TO RETURN TO CLASSROOMS FOR REGISTERS
IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR CHILDREN TO LEAVE SCHOOL WITH THEIR PARENTS BEFORE THE AFTERNOON REGISTERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN**

1:10-1:30

**SCHOOL GATE WILL BE OPEN TO ALLOW EYFS AND KS1 CHILDREN TO GO HOME IF PARENTS WISH TO TAKE THEM
IF EYFS AND KS1 CHILDREN ARE NOT COLLECTED AT THIS TIME THEY WILL REMAIN WITH THEIR TEACHERS FOR THE AFTERNOON.**

1:15-3PM

KS2 COMPETITIVE SPORTS INCLUDING RELAY RACES

3:15

**HOME TIME
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB OPEN AS USUAL**

ATTENDANCE GUIDANCE

Attendance legal update for parents for the academic year 2024/5

The Department for Education have announced a number of changes to the law relating to pupil's attendance. These statutory changes will come into effect on 19th August 2024. These changes include new absence fine rates, thresholds at which penalties must be considered, requirements to share daily data with the government and new absence codes. We are currently updating our school attendance policy to reflect these changes:

In summary here is what you need to know.

£80 fines and improvement notices

Absence fines charged to parents will rise to £80 (or £160 if not paid within 21 days). A fine for parents must be considered if a child misses 5 days of school for unauthorised absence.

New "improvement notices" will also be the "final opportunity for a parent to engage in support and improve attendance before a penalty notice is issued."

Fines of up to level 4 (£2,500) and /or community order or imprisonment of up to 3 months still remains for parents who fail to secure their child's regular attendance at school.

National fine thresholds

From September, a fine will be considered if a pupil misses 10 sessions (half days) of unauthorised absence in a **rolling period** of 10 school weeks. The threshold can be met with "any combination of unauthorised absence". For example, four sessions in term time plus six instances of arriving late. The period of 10 weeks can also span "different terms or school years". However, councils also "retain the discretion to issue one before the threshold is met." This could include where parents "are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold, or for repeated absence for birthdays or other family events".

Reminder

On Thursday 18th July 2024 there will be an evening time zoom call with nationwide e-safety experts "The Two Johns".

We cannot stress the importance of parents putting the kids to bed early on this evening and joining this training.

20:00-21:30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87835345843>

We promise that the information within the training will be of interest to you.

New Parent Governors

DEADLINE APPROACHING

We have vacancies for two new parent governors.

Should we receive more than 2 candidates we will need to hold elections between 2nd July and 17th July.

If you wish to ask any questions please contact

volunteer@henhamugley.essex.sch.uk

If you would like to put yourself forward or nominate another parent please complete the nomination form and return to the school office before Monday 1st July.



Libraries are supposed to be places where you can escape into a new world of books, relax and enjoy the calm. This was not really the case for us. Our space had become tired and uninspiring and whilst we tried to make the space as interesting as possible, it was not a place you would choose to spend time in. Until....The PSA wonder team and 'terrific Toni' got on the case!



Library

After years of tirelessly fund raising, giving up their time, organising money making activities, the PSA had enough funds to support the big revamp. We are so grateful for them and all the hours they put in, as well as the parents who turn up to all our events and depart with their cash. All your money has gone to such a great cause and the children and teachers will enjoy the new space for years and years to come.

Now a beautifully designed space that is totally unique to the school and its community, which will inspire reading, learning and joy for years to come.

A large and challenging 9x7 metre space right in the centre of the school, the library required an overhaul from a dark and dinghy walk through, that lacked the appropriate furniture and layout.

Interior Designer and parent Toni Smith, of Inside Ours, volunteered her time to design and project manage the refurbishment. Taking inspiration from the Schools beautiful countryside setting and the famous Henham village Dragon folklore, her designs incorporate a colour palette, theme and installations that truly bring the outside in.

The room and furnishings are now in line with the schools adopted 'Curiosity Approach' philosophy, that advocates for calm, neutral spaces, with a focus on natural materials, plants, order and beautiful pieces. It is now an inspiring space for all age groups to enjoy reading, spending time and for class break-out sessions and activities.

The new design features a 4-metre-high castle and Henham dragon sculpture, and stunning wall murals representing stories by the authors that each year group class is named after. Toni Smith commissioned local artist and prop designer Vicky Butcher of Interior Spaces, to make her designs a reality. Talented schoolteachers Nicky Brogan, Elena Jeremy and Lindsay Flemming also created stunning countryside landscape murals across multiple cupboard fronts.

Parent and community volunteers came together over a series of weekends and school holidays, to complete a long and ambitious decoration, furniture building and installation work list. A real team effort that meant the end result was so much more than the limited budget would have allowed for.

Toni Smith of Inside Ours, said "I believe that the best interiors reflect who we aspire to be. I therefore hope this library will ignite children's passion for reading, curiosity and learning that will benefit them long into their future lives."

As teachers, we are so moved by all the help, volunteers and love put into this project. We now have a space that we are all really proud of. Seeing the children relaxed in the library and enjoying books is heart warming and we all know this will contribute to an invested love of reading and certainly have an impact on learning.

Thank you to everyone involved.

Nicky Brogan.
Assistant Headteacher.

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Kik

Kik state you must be 16 years of age to use the app.

What is Kik?

Kik is classed as a social network where users can message each other, share photos/videos as well as video chat.

What do I need to be aware of?

- Groups – once a user joins a group then your child can receive messages from other members of that group. Some of the groups are centered around topics that are inappropriate for under 18s.
- Adverts
- Location sharing
- Explicit content – including images, videos and messages.
- Live streaming/videos - risk of seeing/hearing inappropriate content.
- Talking to strangers

What parental controls does Kik offer?

Kik does have reporting and blocking tools as outlined here:

<https://kikhelppcenter.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/4402400774043-What-can-I-do-if-my-teen-has-received-an-unwanted-or-inappropriate-message>

Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/kik>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

Check age ratings!



There is so much that we can do online nowadays including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/photographs. Being online can be great but it is important that we set boundaries for our children to keep them safe whilst they explore being online, develop their digital resilience and understanding of what to do if anything negative happens when online.

So how can we help keep our children safe? We can start by checking age restrictions/ratings. **It is important that we follow these to ensure that what our children are doing or seeing online is appropriate for their age.**

Where can I find age ratings?

Films: The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) rate films. This page includes a link to a 'Parents' Guide to Age Ratings':
<https://www.bbfc.co.uk/resources/viewing-films-safely-online>.

Video games: PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration user generated content within games (such as on Roblox) and chat facilities within games.

Apps: Check the individual age ratings within the relevant app store. We also recommend that you download any apps and play them yourself to check their suitability.

Social Media: All social media networks have a minimum age rating; they are all at least 13+.

What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child.
- Go online together to see what your child is accessing.
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

You can find out more here:

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/understanding-age-ratings>